

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A sealing apparatus for a universal joint which includes a cross shaft, a cap to which an end portion of the cross shaft is inserted and fitted, and a plurality of needle-shaped bearings rotatably arranged between an outer periphery of the end portion of the cross shaft and an inner periphery of the cap and supplied with grease by a passageway provided with the cross shaft, comprising:

an attachment portion including a metal ring constituted of a cylindrical portion that goes along an inner peripheral surface of an open end portion of the cap and an annular portion that extends radially inwardly from an inner side end of the cylindrical portion and adjacent to the needle-shaped bearings so as to guide the needle-shaped bearings, and attached to the cap by press-fitting the cylindrical portion of the metal ring on the inner peripheral surface of the open end portion fo the cap~~one member of two members that are arranged to be relatively movable;~~

a sealing lip extending from the attachment portion to the cross shaft ~~other member~~ to be slidably in sealing contact with the cross shaft ~~other member~~; and

a dust lip extending to the cross shaft ~~other member~~ to be slidably in contact with the cross shaft ~~other member~~ while being tilted toward an ~~the~~ open-air side from said attachment portion on the open-air side of the sealing lip,

wherein said sealing lip is provided to have an inner side contact angle which is an angle not smaller than an open-air side contact angle.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The A-sealing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sealing lip has an extending direction that is tilted not less to the open-air side than the middle of an ~~the~~ inner side and the open-air side.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The ~~A~~-sealing apparatus according to claim 1, |
wherein said dust lip is a double seal having two parts.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The ~~A~~-sealing apparatus according to claim 1, |
wherein said sealing lip has the inner side contact angle which is substantially equal to
the open-air side contact angle, has the extending direction which is substantially the
middle of an ~~the~~ inner side and the open-air side, and has a sectional shape which is |
symmetric relative to the line of the extending direction.